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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FRANK SANTOS, DIANE QUALLS, and
REBECCA JOHNSON, on behalf of
themselves and all others similarly situated,
Plaintiffs,

v.

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY,
ALAMEDA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES
AGENCY, and CHET HEWITT, in his
capacity official capacity as Director of the
Alameda County Social Services Agency; and
DOES 1-10, inclusive,
Defendants.

Case No. C04-02725 (JCS)

JOINT STIPULATION REQUESTING
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE BEFORE
MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARIA-ELENA
JAMES RE: ISSUE OF ATTORNEYS'
FEES AND COSTS

JUDGE: Hon. Joseph C. Spero
DEPT: Courtroom 15th Floor

JOINT STIPULATION

On October 5, 2005 the Court approved the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced case. The Agreement left the issue of Plaintiffs' Attorneys' Fees and Costs for further negotiation. The parties have tried to resolve this issue between themselves, requesting and receiving two extensions of time (January 5, 2006 to March 6, 2006) and (March 6, 2006 to May 8, 2006) to allow for further negotiations. At this point in time, the parties believe it would be helpful to participate in a Settlement Conference before Magistrate Judge James (who presided over the parties' Settlement Conferences regarding substantive issues and who is familiar with the case) in order to advance their negotiations. Accordingly, the parties hereby request assignment to Judge Maria-Elena James for a Settlement Conference on the issue of attorneys' fees and costs at a time and date that is mutually agreeable with both parties and the Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

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IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED: 3/20, 2006


The Honorable Joseph C. Spero